

GUESS  
HOW MUCH



I LOVE YOU

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*For Deborah and Joanne*

*S. MCB.*



*To Liz with love*


*A. J.*





Little Nutbrown Hare,  
who was going to bed, held  
on tight to Big Nutbrown Hare's  
very long ears.





He wanted to be sure that  
Big Nutbrown Hare was listening.

"Guess how much I love you," he said.

"Oh, I don't think I could guess that,"  
said Big Nutbrown Hare.







“This much,” said  
Little Nutbrown Hare,  
stretching out his arms  
as wide as they could go.

Big Nutbrown Hare  
had even longer arms.  
“But I love YOU  
this much,” he said.  
Hmm, that is a lot,  
thought Little  
Nutbrown Hare.







“I love you as high  
as I can reach,” said  
Little Nutbrown Hare.



"I love you as high  
as *I* can reach," said  
Big Nutbrown Hare.

That is quite high, thought  
Little Nutbrown Hare.

I wish I had arms like that.

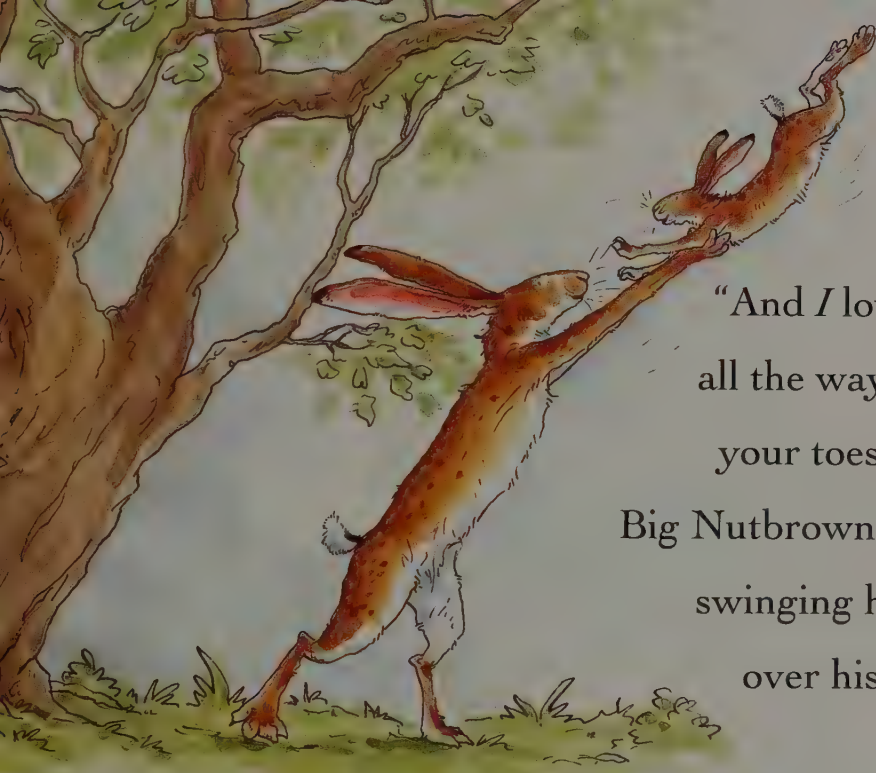




Then Little  
Nutbrown Hare  
had a good idea.

He tumbled  
upside down and  
reached up  
the tree trunk  
with his feet.

“I love you all the way up  
to my toes!” he said.



“And *I* love you  
all the way up to  
your toes,” said  
Big Nutbrown Hare,  
swinging him up  
over his head.

"I love you  
as high  
as I can HOP!"

laughed Little  
Nutbrown Hare,





bouncing up  
and down.

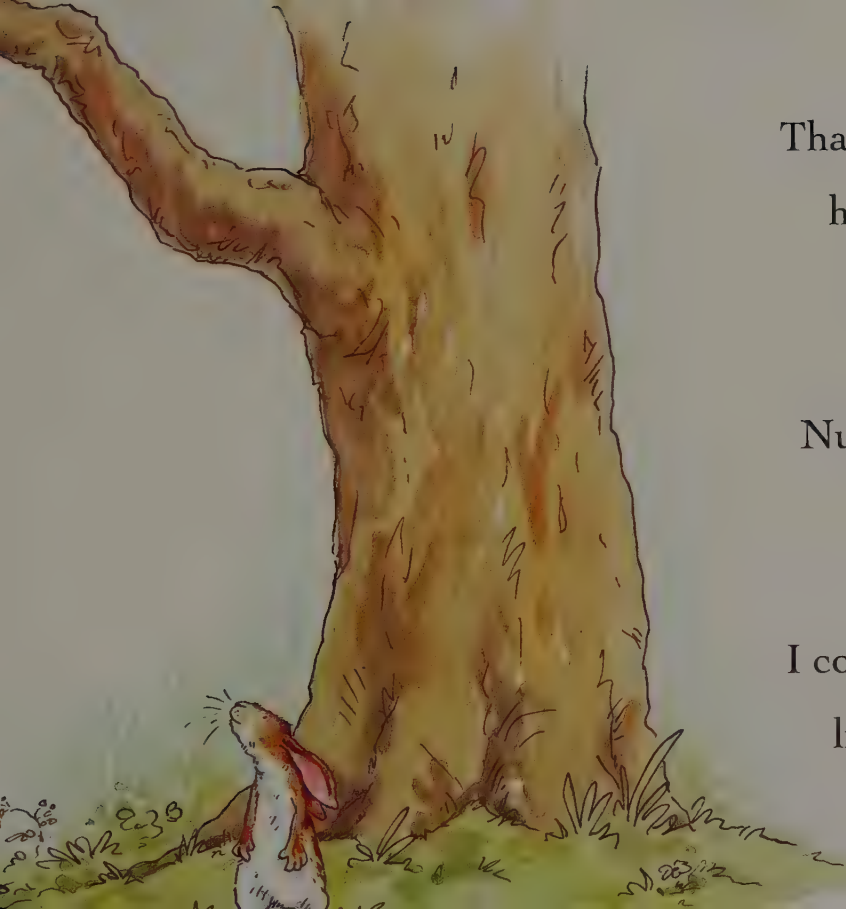






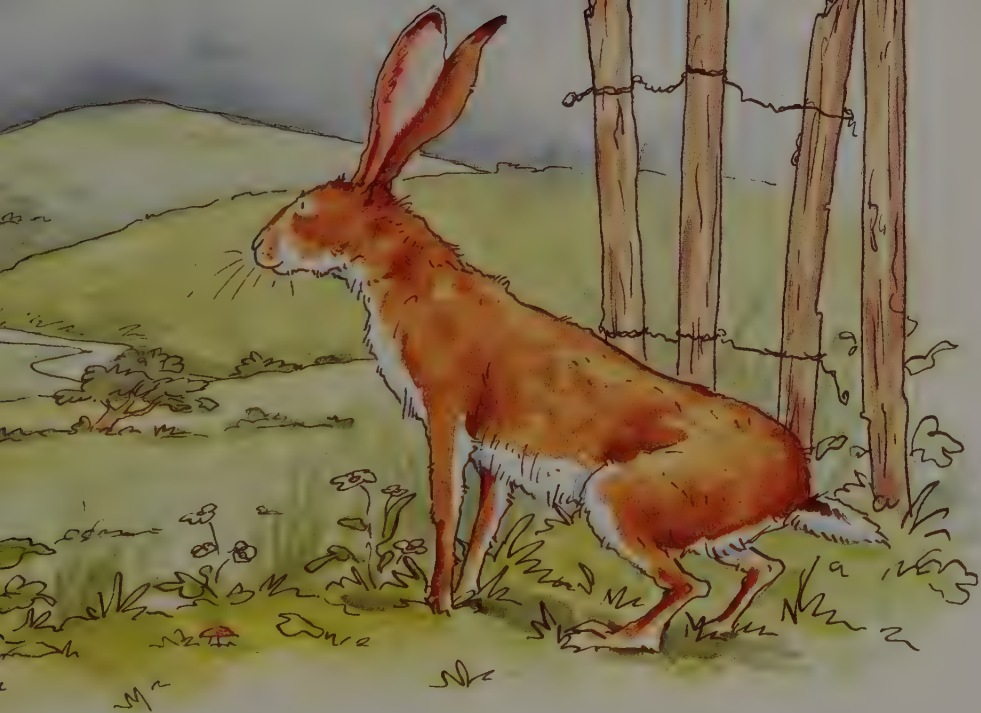
“But I love you as high as *I* can hop,”  
smiled Big Nutbrown Hare –  
and he hopped so high that his ears  
touched the branches above.

That's good  
hopping,  
thought  
Little  
Nutbrown  
Hare.  
I wish  
I could hop  
like that.





“I love you all the way down the lane as far as the river,” cried Little Nutbrown Hare.



"I love you across the river and over the hills,"  
said Big Nutbrown Hare.

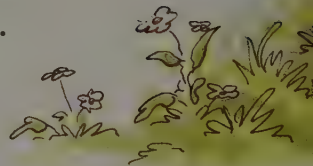
That's very far, thought  
Little Nutbrown Hare.



He was almost too sleepy  
to think any more.

Then he looked beyond the  
thorn bushes, out into the big

dark night. Nothing could  
be further than the sky.







"I love you right up to the moon,"  
he said, and closed his eyes.

"Oh, that's far," said  
Big Nutbrown Hare.



"That is very, very far."  
Big Nutbrown Hare settled  
Little Nutbrown Hare  
into his bed of leaves.



He leaned over  
and kissed him  
good night.



Little Nutbrown Hare  
and Big Nutbrown Hare discover that  
love is not an easy thing to measure.



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